

[18th August 1925]

Income and expenditure of Anantapur municipality.

* 39 Q.—MR. G. RAMESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the total revenue of Anantapur municipality for each of the last three years;

(b) whether any scale is prescribed limiting the percentage of expenditure under each head; and if so, whether it has been exceeded by the said municipality and to what extent;

(c) whether any steps have been taken to advise the municipality to conform to the rules in this connexion;

(d) the amount of conveyance allowance drawn by the present chairman during his régime; and

(e) what was the particular necessity for conveyance allowance during this period?

A.—(a) The total revenue of the council (excluding special Government grants, deposits and advances) was as shown below:—

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1922-23	22,700
1923-24	36,939
1924-25	51,416

(b) & (c) No.

(d) & (e) The Government have no information.

Preparation of the electoral rolls for local bodies.

* 40 Q.—MR. S. SATYANARAYAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether he has received any petition from certain electors for the taluk board elections of the Mannargudi firka of the Chidambaram taluk of South Arcot district regarding the preparation of the electoral roll;

(b) whether the number of tax-payers belonging to the Padayachi community in the above firka who are entitled to vote as per the rules and regulations relating to their qualifications is about 683 and the recently prepared electoral roll shows only 198 as qualified to vote; and

(c) whether the Government have instituted any inquiry into the matter and if not, why not?

A.—(a) The answer is in the affirmative.

(b) & (c) The Government have made enquiries and understand that the electoral roll in question was published in the prescribed manner and no objections were received within the period allowed.

Representation of depressed classes in union boards.

* 41 Q.—MR. R. VEERIAN: With reference to answer to Question No. 537, dated 19th March 1925, will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state in what manner the president of the Ambur union board and the president of the North Arcot District Board complied with the Government Order issued on the subject of the representation of depressed classes on union boards?

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A.—Members of union boards are appointed by presidents of taluk boards. A list^a of members of the Ambur union board is laid on the table for information.

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—“ With reference to the main question, may I know whether the Government will not interfere in the matter whenever the presidents of local boards misuse their powers and act contrary to the spirit of law whenever they make nominations? ”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“ The Government expect the public to draw the attention of the Government to such cases.”

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—“ May I know whether the Government are aware that the nomination of one Duraiswami to the Union Board of Ambur was strongly objected to by the members of the depressed classes in Ambur on the ground that he would not serve well and that he was only a servant of the Ambur Union Board President? ”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“ I am afraid I have to say that the Government have no information on the subject.”

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—“ Will they be pleased to call for the information? ”

The composition of the Nilgiris District Board.

* 42 Q.—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of members of the Nilgiris District Board, how many of them are elected and how many nominated ;

(b) whether it is a fact that a large percentage of the elected seats goes to the European planters and what is that percentage and what is the number of their voters ;

(c) whether there are several Indian planters in the Nilgiris and if so, their number ; whether they possess the right of electing any representatives to the district board ;

(d) the number of members to be elected by the general public and the number of voters in this case ; and

(e) whether the Government have received any mahazars to throw open more seats for election by general public and whether the Government have any intention of doing so ?

A.—(a), (b) & (d) The hon. Member is referred to the Annual Civil List for 1925. The strength of the Nilgiris District Board is 24. Six seats are filled up by Government and eighteen by election. Nine of the elective seats are filled by the Planters Associations and the remaining nine by the tax-payers and inhabitants of the district in general. The Government have no information in regard to the number of voters.

(c) The Government have no information.

(e) The answer is in the negative.

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—“ May I know the reason why 50 per cent of the elective seats are filled by the planters and the other 50 per cent by the rest of the public? ”